



A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Anent Pedagogues, Chaplains and others.

C H A R L E S, by the Grace of G O D, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To
Macers or Messengers
at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as in
the whole course of our Government, We have manifested Our Pious and Princely Care, and Zeal to maintain
and promote the Sacred Interests of the Established Religion, together with the Order and Unity of the Church;
And considering the danger arising to the Church, to Religion, and to Our Government, by the undutiful Practi-
ses of some of Our Subjects, in intertaining disaffected, and irregular Persons in the Offices of Chaplains, Pe-
dagogues, and School-masters, who are apt to corrupt and poyson the Families wherein they Serve, and the Children whom
they Teach and Instruct, with the Principles of Schism, Sedition and Rebellion, Instilling into the Minds of Our People
(under the specious colour of Piety) sinful prejudices against the settled Religion, and begetting in them a Disloyal aversion
from Our Authority and Government: Notwithstanding that by the 4th. Act of the second Session of Our first Par-
liament, It is Statuted, that none be allowed to Teach any Schooles, or to be Pedagogues to Children, or Chaplains in any Fa-
mily, without a Licence from the respective Ordinaries: And that by the 6th. Act. Of Our third and current Parliament, All such
Pedagogues, School-masters and Chaplains, are appointed to swear and Sign the Test, under the certification therein contained: As
also, by Our Royal Proclamation, of the date at Edinburgh, the first of March 1676. We did Require and Command, That
none thereafter should intertain any School-master, Pedagogue or Chaplain, or Person for performing Family-worship, who have not a
Licence for that effect, under the hand of the Bishop of the Respective Diocese under the penalties therein exprest. And now being in-
formed, that some to elude the Laws, and Proclamations foresaid, do intertain disaffected and irregular Persons, for Teaching
their Children, and overseeing of their Learning, Manners and Education, or Exercising Family-worship in their Houses, under
other Names and Designations, as of Physicians, Factors, Chamberlains, Attendants, or Ordinary servants, whose influence in
corrupting the youth, and debauching of Families from their Duty to G O D, and to Us, is most apparent, and of very pernicious
consequence: We do therefore, with advise of Our Privy Council, strictly Prohibite and Discharge all Our Subjects, of what
Quality soever, to intertain any Person or Persons, to be Chaplains in their Families, or to be Governours, Teachers or Instructors
of their Children, or Pupils, or Minors, under their Tutory or Curatory, or to be School-masters within their Lands or Juris-
dictions: or who shall perform the Duties and Offices of Teaching, and instructing their Children, or Pupils, or Minors, under
their Tutory or Curatory, by Overseeing them in their Learning. Manners and Education: or who shall Exercise Religious wor-
ship in their Families, or shall perform the Duties belonging to the Places or Offices of Pedagogues or Chaplains, under the Names
and Designations foresaid, or under whatsoever other Colour, Name, Title, or Designation, except such only as shall Swear
and Subscribe the Test foresaid, before this respective Ordinaries: and who shall be allowed by Licences, under the hands of their
respective Bishops, for performing and Exercising of these Offices, certifying all those who shall contemn, or contraveen this Our
Royal Will and Proclamation: That every Nobleman so offending, shall be fined in three thousand Merks, Every Gentle-
man in Twelve hundred Merks: And each Burgesse or other Subjects in six hundred Merks, *tatis quoties*, as they shall
be found Guilty conform to the Certification contained in Our said Proclamation dated the said first of March 1676. And shall
also be esteemed Persons disaffected to the Established Religion, and to Our Royal Government; and the Magistrates of all Burghs,
of Royalty and Regality, are discharged to permit any School-masters to Teach Schollers in their Burghs, except they be qualifi-
ed as aforesaid, under the penalty of being pursued and punished before the Council, as their contempt and neglect shall deserve.
And to the effect, Our Royal Will and Pleasure in the Premises may be publicly known; Our Will is, and We Charge you
straitly and Command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye passe to the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and other places need-
ful, and thereat, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premises, and that none pretend
Ignorance. the which to do We commit to you, conjunctly and severally, Our full Power, by these Our Letters, delivering
them by you, duly Execute, and indorsed again to the bearer.

*Given under Our Signet, at Hallyrudhouse, the fourth day of June, One thousand six hundred eighty and three: And of Our Reign,
the thirtieth fifth year.*

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilij.

WIL. PATERSON, *Clk. Sti. Concilij.*

GOD save the KING.